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FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK RELEASE ON THE DIRECT CREDIT OF \$13,290,000 TO COMPAGNIE NATIONALE AIR FRANCE. RELEASE IS SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AFTER 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1975.

QUOTE: EXIMBANK CREDIT OF \$13,290,000 SUPPORTS \$44.3 MILLION SALE OF U.S. JET AIRCRAFT TO AIR FRANCE

TO HELP FINANCE A \$44.3 MILLION SALE OF ONE BOEING 747F JET AIRCRAFT WITH RELATED GOODS AND SERVICES, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES HAS AUTHORIZED A DIRECT CREDIT OF \$13,290,000 TO COMPAGNIE NATIONALE AIR FRANCE. THE AIRCRAFT, WHICH REPRESENTS THE 17TH 747 ACQUIRED BY AIR FRANCE WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE BOEING COMPANY, UNCLASSIFIED

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, IN OCTOBER 1976, AND WILL BE USED BY

AIR FRANCE ON ITS INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT ROUTES.

THE EXIMBANK CREDIT REPRESENTS 30 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL U.S. COSTS. A CREDIT OF \$22,150,000 FROM PRIVATE SOURCES NOT YET DESIGNATED WILL FINANCE 50 PERCENT OF THE U.S. COSTS AND THE BORROWER WILL MAKE CASH PAYMENT OF 20 PERCENT OR \$8,860,000 REPRESENTING THE BALANCE OF THE TOTAL U.S. COSTS.

INTEREST ON EXIMBANK'S LOAN OF 9 PERCENT, COMBINED WITH THE INTEREST RATE FROM PRIVATE SOURCES, AT CURRENT RATES, WILL RESULT IN A BLENDED ANNUAL INTEREST COST TO THE BORROWER OF BETWEEN 8.75 PERCENT TO 9 PERCENT.

THE LOANS ARE TO BE REPAID IN 20 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING APRIL 14, 1977, WITH EXIMBANK'S LOAN TO BE REPAID OUT OF THE LAST 8 INSTALLMENTS. REPAYMENT OF THE LOANS IS TO BE GUARANTEED BY THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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